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SUBJ: VICE PRESIDENT DJIME REPORTS REBEL ATTACK

SUMMARY. VICE PRESIDENT DJIME CALLED ME TO HIS OFFICE EARLY AFTERNOON OF OCTOBER 10 FOR AN QUOTE URGENT UNQUOTE CONFERENCE. HE WAS OBVIOUSLY UNDER STRAIN, AND OFFICES WHICH ARE NORMALLY EMPTY AT QUOTE SIESTA UNQUOTE TIME WERE BUSTLINGLY WITH MILITARY OFFICERS. VICE PRESIDENT SAID MILITARY SITUATION WAS GRAVE, AND PLEADED FOR RAPID AMERICAN ASSISTANCE.

VICE PRESIDENT CONFIRMED MORTAR ATTACK ON ABECHÉ ON OCTOBER 7 AND SAID SIMILAR RAID OCCURRED AT ADRE, ON SOUDANESE BORDER, ON OCTOBER 9. HE SAID THESE RAIDS WERE MADE BY PART OF EL BAGLAINI FACTION WHICH WAS COOPERATING WITH GOUKOUNI, AND WERE DIVERSIONARY IN NATURE. IN ANSWER TO MY SPECIFIC INQUIRY REGARDING THE SAFETY OF PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS IN ABECHÉ, VICE PRESIDENT REPEATED THAT MORTAR RAID WAS TYPE OF TERRORISM
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WHICH COULD TAKE PLACE ANYWHERE IN CHAD (EVEN NDJAMENA) AND HE DID NOT BELIEVE THE VOLUNTEERS WERE IN DANGER. (FYI WE ARE STILL REVIEWING SITUATION, BUT FOR THE MOMENT I AM PREPARED TO ACCEPT THE VICE PRESIDENT'S COMMENT). VICE PRESIDENT SAID REAL THREAT REMAINS IN NORTH, WHERE GOUKOUNI HAS BEEN GIVEN THE GO-AHEAD BY QADHAFI TO ATTACK FAYA LARGEAU. (FYI INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO US FROM OTHER SOURCES INDICATES CHADIAN

MILITARY ARE PREPARING TO MEET GOUKOUNI ATTACK. THEY HAVE CALLED OFF SMALL OPERATIONS ELSEWHERE IN THE COUNTRY AND ARE CONCENTRATING THEIR FORCES AND AVAILABLE AIR CRAFT FOR DUTY IN THE NORTH).

COMMENT. IT WAS UNCLEAR WHETHER VICE PRESIDENT'S CONSTERNATION WAS ENTIRELY FROM MILITARY THREAT OR WHETHER IT WAS COLORED BY CRITICISM OF OUR SLOWNESS IN IMPLEMENTATION OF MILITARY ARMS AND CONSEQUENTLY OF HIM AND HIS STRONG PRO-AMERICAN STANCE BO OTHER MEMBERS OF THE SUPREME MILITARY COUNCIL. REGARDLESS OF ITS SOURCE, IT IS CLEAR HE NEEDS HELP, AND IF WE ARE TO CARRY OUT SUCCESSFULLY OUR COMMITMENT TO HELP CHAD MAINTAIN ITS TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY WE NEED TO MOVE RAPIDLY.

I TOLD VICE PRESIDENT I WOULD NOTIFY WASHINGTON OF OUR CONVERSATION IMMEDIATELY AND WOULD GET BACK TO HIM TOMORROW. REALIZE THERE IS NO WAY IN WHICH AMERICAN EQUIPMENT COULD ARRIVE IN TIME TO HELP CHADIANS IF ATTACK ON FAYA LARGEAU TAKES PLACE IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE, BUT IF WE HAD SOME SORT OF A FIRM PROGRAM GOING BY THEN IT WOULD ENCOURAGE THE CHADIANS AND MIGHT DETER THEIR ENEMIES. BRADFORD

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